



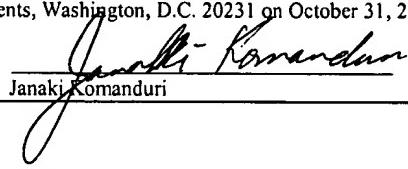
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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, PROGRAM, AND DATA STRUCTURE FOR
CLEANING A DATABASE TABLE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-Final Office action dated August 13, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected all of the claims in view of prior art.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(ii), attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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1. (Amended) A method for performing a clean operation on an input table having an input table name, comprising:

receiving at least one rule definition, wherein each rule definition indicates a find criteria, a replacement value, and an input data column in the input table;